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H. J. RES. 31

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 24, 2017

Mr. Deutch (for himself, Mrs. Beatty, Mr. Blumenauer, Mr. Brendan F. Boyle of Pennsylvania, Mrs. Bustos, Mr. Cartwright, Ms. Castor of Florida, Mr. Cicilline, Ms. Clark of Massachusetts, Mr. Connolly, Mr. Conyers, Mr. Crowley, Mr. Cummings, Mr. DeFazio, Ms. Delauro, Mr. Doggett, Mr. Michael F. Doyle of Pennsylvania, Mr. Engel, Ms. Eshoo, Mr. Espaillat, Ms. Esty, Mr. Foster, Ms. Frankel of Florida, Mr. Garamendi, Mr. Gene Green of Texas, Mr. Grijalva, Mr. Hastings, Mr. Himes, Ms. Kaptur, Mr. Keating, Mr. Kihuen, Ms. Kuster of New Hampshire, Mr. Langevin, Mr. Larsen of Washington, Mr. Loeb, Ms. Lowey, Ms. Michelle Lujan Grisham of New Mexico, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Sean Patrick Maloney of New York, Ms. McCollum, Mr. McGovern, Mr. Meeks, Mr. Moulton, Mr. Nadler, Mr. Nolan, Ms. Norton, Mr. O’Rourke, Mr. Pascrell, Ms. Pelosi, Ms. Pingree, Mr. Quigley, Mr. Raskin, Miss Rice of New York, Ms. Roybal-Allard, Mr. Sarbanes, Mr. Schrader, Mr. Serrano, Ms. Shea-Porter, Mr. Shires, Ms. Slaughter, Mr. Smith of Washington, Ms. Speier, Mr. Suozzi, Mr. Swalwell of California, Ms. Titus, Mr. Tonko, Ms. Tsongas, Ms. Wasserman Schultz, Mr. Welch, Ms. Wilson of Florida, Ms. Schakowsky, Ms. Velázquez, Mr. Schiff, Mr. Perlmutter, Mr. Walz, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Schneider, Mr. Soto, and Mr. Huffman) submitted the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United
Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years after the date of its submission for ratification:

“ARTICLE—

“SECTION 1. To advance democratic self-government and political equality, and to protect the integrity of government and the electoral process, Congress and the States may regulate and set reasonable limits on the raising and spending of money by candidates and others to influence elections.

“SECTION 2. Congress and the States shall have power to implement and enforce this article by appropriate legislation, and may distinguish between natural persons and corporations or other artificial entities created by law, including by prohibiting such entities from spending money to influence elections.
“Section 3. Nothing in this article shall be construed to grant Congress or the States the power to abridge the freedom of the press.”.